(b) whether the total relief amount has been released to the State Government;

(c) whether Government have received any reports from the State Government on the utilisation of relief, scheme-wise; and

(d) whether Government have advised the State Government to accelerate its relief activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Statement giving sector-wise details of the ceiling of expenditure approved for drought relief in Orissa during 1987-88 is attached. **(See below).**

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Sector-wise ceilling of expenditure approved for drought relief in Orissa during 1987-88

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Item	Ceilling of expenditure Approved	
1	Agriculture Imput Subsidy	6.22	
2	Drinking Water Programme	4.28	
3	Employment Generation	32.00	
4	Special Nutrition Programme	2.66	
5	Gratuitous Relief	0.95	
6	Cooperative	2.25	
7	Irrigation	11.00	
8	Vegetable Production	0.06	(Including Rs. 0.03 for 1988-89)
	TOTAL	59.42	

All India Radio, Jammu

1787. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio Station at Jammu is officially called as Kashmir Radio, Jammu when the Radio Stations in the rest of the country are known as All India Radio or Akashvani;

(b) whether its name was given by the State Government in 1948 when it was under the control of the State Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to change its name now that it is under Central Government since 1954?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. The station is nown as Radio Kashmir, Jammu.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Setting up of a continuous cast wire rod plant in Maharashtra

1788. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Copper Ltd. has decided to set up a 60000 tonne continuous cast wire rod plant in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the plant, stating the location and cost of the plant and employment likely to be generated through the setting up of the plant; and

(c) what action has been taken so far for setting up of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN

THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The plant is proposed to be located at Taloja, District Raigarh in Maharashtra and is expected to cost Rs. 18.5 crores. It will generate employment for about 70 persons.

(c) The Company has (i) acquired a Letter of Intent for setting up of the plant; (ii) taken possession of land in an industrial estate having water and power facilities; (iii) has taken steps to ensure availability of of natural gas; (iv) has placed orders for plant system SCR 2000 on M/s. Southwire, USA for supply of technology, equipment and field services; and (v) has appointed an Indian Consultant for detailed engineering, supervision and project management

Overdues in cooperative credit

1789. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite phenomenal growth in agricultural credit, further credit expansion has been inhibited due to the mounting overdues both in the cooperative credit sector and the commercial banking sector;

(b) if so, what is the comparative percentage of rise in the overdues since 1984-85, till date;

(c) what are the major factors responsible for the mounting overdues; and

(d) what measures have so far been taken by Government to check the rising overdues in the cooperative credit to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Mounting overdues is one of the factors for lesser expansion of agricultural credit through cooperatives.

(b) The position of overdues to demand at Primary Agricultural Credit Societies level was of the order of about 41 per cent and 42 per cent during 1984-85 and 1985-86 respectively, whereas at Primary Land Development Bank level, the position was about 40 per cent and 41.7 per cent respectively during these years.

(c) Major factors responsible for the mounting overdues in the cooperative credit are: wilful default, natural calamities, deficiency in loaning policies and procedures, failure of linking credit with marketing, lack of effective supervision etc.

(d) The problem of overdues has been discussed with State|Union Territory Governmnets from time to time. They have been advised to take appropriate action to gear up administrative machinery to have special collection drive so as to improve recovery performance of cooperative credit institutions.

Mobile vans for public distribution system

1790. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile vans supplied by the Central Government to States and Union Territories for use under the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last three years, statewise and Union Territory wise;

(b) what are the criteria for giving such mobile vans and what are the conditions, if any; and

(c) whether any monitoring is being done at the centre to see that the mobile vans are working propery?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL